



## May Events

- ◆ May 10, 3:00—11:00 a.m.  
Hydrant Flushing
- ◆ May 10, 5:00 p.m.  
Council Meeting
- ◆ May 24, 5:00 p.m.  
Council Meeting
- ◆ May 30  
Memorial Day  
City Hall Closed



**Celebrate Arbor Month by Planting a Tree!**



**City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016, in honor of Memorial Day.**



### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

**The City of Pelican Rapids is looking for volunteers to join the Park Advisory Board to provide guidance as to the beautification and use of city parks. Please contact City Hall at 218-863-**

# City Newsletter

City of Pelican Rapids

May 2016

## From Administrator Don Solga

*Spring is coming! With that in mind it is time to start thinking about yard and property cleanup. As done every year in May, the Pelican Rapids Planning Commission will be doing its annual spring tour of the City. The purpose of the tour is to assess the state of the community as it pertains to cleanliness and upkeep.*



*If you have old household furnishings, unregistered vehicles, or other debris setting on your property, please try to remove it as soon as possible after May 1. In doing this you will avoid getting any of those "annoying" letters from the City. I might add that the Otter Tail County property tax mailing to all property owners included a coupon to save on the cost of taking debris to the transfer station west of town.*

*So let's do our best to make a good first impression on our visitors this spring.*

### **PARKING IN DOWNTOWN PELICAN RAPIDS**

With the summer season quickly approaching, we who live in our community of Pelican Rapids, will soon see our downtown business district hustling and bustling with the traffic of our welcomed visitors and shoppers of whom we call our guests.

We welcome these visitors and shoppers as our guests as they help to support our city and community economies, which in turn helps us all to prosper as a small mid-west city. Life in a small city can be very rewarding as we can enjoy the ownership of the fine qualities of life in a city such as Pelican Rapids.

We know that we live in a small city of limited downtown parking opportunities, and at times premium parking seems as a luxury as opposed to walking several blocks to frequent our favorite businesses and shops.

As a favor to our guests, we as business owners, business employees and apartment dwellers need to maintain our small city etiquette to our guests by not parking our vehicles on the main street of Pelican Rapids.

In several instances, if a guest cannot find a main street parking space, they may just drive on through Pelican Rapids without stopping to browse, shop or view our beautiful river, suspension bridge and city parks. This one time stop, due to an open parking space, can lead to many future visits to our city and community of Pelican Rapids by this one guest.

Please use our public and private parking lots to park our vehicles, which will show our small city courtesy and which will help to promote more business transactions in our downtown business district.

If we all do our part to make parking more convenient to our shoppers and guests, we all can reap in the social and financial rewards of our actions.

Sincerely,

Brent E. Frazier, Mayor

## RESIDENTIAL RUMMAGE SALES, GARAGE SALES AND SIMILAR OCCASIONAL SALES

### Section 905.08 Subdivision 1. Definition of Rummage Sale.

An offering or display of goods to the public on a temporary basis by a person or organization on residential premises. The term "rummage sale" encompasses yard sales, garage sales, estate sales, moving sales, block sales and related sales where second hand or other goods are sold or displayed to members of the public on a temporary basis.

### Section 905.08 Subdivision 2. Restrictions.

1. Any "rummage sale" shall be conducted solely within the property owned or occupied by the owner or occupant who is conducting the sale.
2. There shall be no more than three "rummage sales" conducted at any one residence per calendar year.
3. No "rummage sale" shall be conducted during any part of more than three consecutive days.
4. No "rummage sale" may be conducted before 7:00 A.M. or after 8:00 P.M.
5. None of the items offered for sale shall have been obtained for resale or received on consignment for sale.
6. Any related signage shall be limited to the premises and to other residential property provided permission from property owner is obtained and shall be removed at termination of sale. Signs shall be limited to four square feet.



## Hydrant Flushing

City crews will be conducting the semi-annual hydrant flushing beginning Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 3:00 a.m. with completion by noon. The alternate date will be May 11th at the same time. Some may experience a momentary loss of water pressure during this time. If, after flushing, your water becomes rusty, run your tap for a few minutes and the water should clear up.



## BUILDING PERMITS

If you are planning on doing any work to your home such as re-shingling, re-siding, replacing windows, building a deck, etc., you must have a building permit.

You must wait to start work until your permit is issued. It may take 7-10 days. We ask that you apply at least 7 days prior to your start date as all permits need to be approved BEFORE any work can start. Please allow this time in planning your project.



If you aren't sure you need a permit, it is better to ask before you start working. Permit fees DOUBLE if you need a permit after you have started your project! Permit applications are available at Pelican Rapids City Hall, 315 N Broadway, or on the City website, [www.pelicanrapids.com](http://www.pelicanrapids.com), under city forms.

## Pelican Rapids is a Tree City USA Community

- Pelican Rapids, is proud to be a Tree City USA community.
- May is Minnesota Arbor Month. Trees provide clean air and water, shade, wood products and jobs. They reduce costs for energy, storm water management, and erosion control. Trees yield up to three times their cost in overall benefits to the city, averaging \$273 per tree. They can cut energy consumption by up to 25%. Studies indicate that as few as three additional trees planted around each building in the United States could save our country \$2 billion, annually, in energy costs. They can also boost property values from 7-21% and buildings in wooded areas rent more quickly and tenants stay longer.
- Visit [mndnr.gov/arbormonth](http://mndnr.gov/arbormonth) to learn more about tree planting.
- Watch video at <https://youtu.be/3gfXbIrLOWE>.

## A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF STADUM

Spring is here and school will be out soon. This means a lot of extra people, especially kids, biking and walking around town. Please obey the traffic laws and use extra caution when driving!

